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LIPHOOK LOCOMOTION

Please note, this social walk on July 8th now starts from Liphook RR station. See the Programme for full details.

CHILTERN 100

Congratulations to all Surrey Group members who completed the event over the Whitsun Bank Holiday. Janet Chapman, Peter Groundsell, Ian and Lorraine Hunt completed their first 100. Tom Cartwright his tenth, Louise Cartwright her ninth, Liz Higgins her third, and Colin Wood his second. There were definitely other finishers from the Group: if they let me know the details then I will mention them next time.

MARGARET ABBOTT

Margaret died suddenly and unexpectedly at the end of March. A letter of condolence on behalf of the Group was sent to her daughter. Margaret had just returned from a cross country skiing holiday in Norway, which had also been attended by Barbara Blatchford. She had been a member of the group for a couple of years, and attended several of our social walks and the 1989 weekend in Abergavenny. She was very good company and I shall particularly remember her marvellously coloured walking gear which always brightened up the day.

CAMPING OUTFITS FOR SALE

The Group owns 2 Camping Outfits which it has never found a use for and now wishes to dispose of. Each outfit is totally self contained, and consists of washing up bowl, frying pan, kettle, saucepans, cups, plates and cutlery. Offers around £10 will secure you one of these outfits. Please contact Mervyn Harvey (0483 34184) for further details or with your offers.

TOM'S TRUDGE (24.2.90 by Tom Anderson)

After two days of spring weather, the appointed day dawned grey and overcast, something that did not deter the 13 members from starting the expedition from Englefield Green.

The route took us through Thorpe Water Park, St Ann's Hill (our elevenses stop), Chertsey common, Chobham common, and Windsor Park to view a large herd of red deer.

I nearly caused a group revolt by arriving at the pub stop ten minutes before closing time! However the staff at the Red Lion were well up to the rush. This gave our resident poet plenty of copy for his next publication.

The leader was saved from further flack by his wife's catering which was enjoyed by all, especially Colin Wood!

Many thanks to all who came and to my wife for the excellent spread, and thanks to those who washed up the dirty dishes. That was a real bonus to me.

Well you've now read the official story, we might say the defence. Now for the resident poet's version, the prosecution!

ANOTHER ROUND WITH TOM..... (By Harry E. Bishop)

Saturday, Spring coming in, early once again,
Minds of violence here to stay,
Won't venture forth or budge,
See swiftly moving clouds go by,
Alas, I had forgotten, Thomas has a trudge.

Found him on the green at nine,
Then off to Runnymede,
Criss-cross the M-way bridges, soon we'd had our fill
And bound him to a promise
That coffee would be taken atop St Annie's Hill.

Now has it ever struck you,
When you're out with terrible Tom
That time and distance have no place
In his battle plan of culture
- If you flee it's no disgrace.

The pub was hours a-coming,
It's food a memory at two,
You're parched, you're wet and mud dirty,
Just time for one pint in the snug,
'Cos he's going.....gone at two thirty.

We tried to be assertive
But failed, to our own contempt,
You can't beat a man whose rucksack hoard,
Eyed by a starving pack,
Is full of food he keeps on board.

We'd chomped the Chobham Common,
Perambulated round a park,
When the heavens kindly opened - as T.A. had foreseen,
* Ten minutes lads and lasses
And it's tea at Englefield Green *.

Much later, as the sun set,
On another desperate day,
Young Tom was heard to mention,
In a voice I'd call restrained,
" I wonder where the others went, those I've lost in action ".

Well, one was sucked down a quagmire,
And one drowned in the lake,
One starved to death outside the pub,
Of the rest, what of their fate?

Some went back to Tom's house,
There to take revenge,
To eat him out of house and home,
A rich reward for his twenty mile roam.

Others took the short course home,
To search out pint-sized dolls,
Tom O'shantered with hairy shins,
And into the dolls at intervals plunge two inch needles and pins.

PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 1990

33 mile entries 291, starters 236, finishers 222.

15 mile entries 26, starters 19, finishers 19.

For the fourth year running a really good day, despite the exceedingly bad weather the week before. This meant some route diversions due to flooding by the River Wey.

SURREY SUMMITS 1990

168 entered, 142 started and 115 finished. The fastest finisher was George Foot in 15 hours 47 minutes, while the slowest took 25 hours 28 minutes. These times illustrate that the event continues to cater successfully for walkers of widely differing capabilities.

It is rumoured that the event made a healthy profit this year (in excess of £400) even though entries were down on 1989. This was due to Tony Cartwright obtaining a very cheap deal for the event's printing and to the more realistic entry fee that was charged this year. It is essential that events like the Summits make a profit as this helps subsidise other things the Group does eg. provide this Newsletter (the costs of which are not covered fully by members' subscriptions).

CISSBURY CIRCUIT (By Tony Youngs)

Twenty people, including seven veterans of the 1982 expedition, enjoyed the new and improved Cissbury Circuit on 22 April 1990, a hazy but dry day. This delectable piece of open country is threatened by the proposed Worthing bypass. The Department of Transport's "preferred route" cuts across the southern tip of the Cissbury Circuit, but the Worthing Borough Council is pressing for a far more damaging route which would pass close to Cissbury Ring itself. Whether it will be worth walking the Circuit again in 1998 remains to be seen. Illustrated route sheets are still available from Tony Youngs.

PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING May 10 1990

17 people attended this meeting which was held at the Prince of Wales in Shere. The Chairman in his opening address expressed the wish that these meetings should in future cover Group business as well as the Programme. The meeting received reports on previous group activities and the proposed Programme for the next 6 months. This information is conveyed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

John Westcott reported that there were problems getting enough helpers to man the Group's checkpoint on the Chiltern 100. It was resolved that Keith Chesterton would be the Group's co-ordinator for the checkpoint and that Jeff Ellingham would recruit additional helpers.

It was reported that John Westcott was standing down as the Surrey Summits organiser, a position he has held for 9 years. He was thanked for his herculean efforts. The Surrey Summits Committee has been restructured to cover this loss (see the report elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Brian Haigh has drafted the first attempt at a Group constitution. This will be considered by a small committee who will produce a further draft which will be published in the October Newsletter. Group members will be invited to submit written comments on this subsequent draft. It is then hoped that a constitution can be agreed at the next AGM.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE SURREY SUMMITS (By Louise Cartwright, Chairperson)

This report is intended to acquaint Surrey Group members with the recent changes; the activities described are mostly 'behind the scenes'. However very much at the forefront of the event's success is the dedication of the marshalls 'on the day'. The whole committee joins me in thanking all these people for their continued support.

The Surrey Summits was first walked in 1976 as a social event, and the following year it began its established tradition as a tough, walking-only, overnight, challenge event. Participants in the early years will remember the midday start under the clock in Guildford High Street, and the astonished expressions of Saturday shoppers on learning that it was not the beginning of a stroll up onto Pewley Down.

The later innovation of the walk headquarters at Witley proved popular - better facilities, carparking and for the organisers a telephone and closer contact with the event at all times.

As we enter a new decade it is appropriate to explain a little about the organization of the event. It is the only Surrey event organized by a standing committee. For the past 9 years John Westcott has been the organiser with help from other committee members. The success of the walk over this period is a tribute to John, and it was with some dismay that we learned of John's resignation. For various reasons the committee had lost other members over the past few years, so it seemed timely to reappraise the situation, to invite new members to join us and to share the workload more equitably.

Jeff Ellingham becomes the event coordinator and will continue to organize the marshalls. We are pleased to welcome Martin Jones as a new committee member and the chiefmarshall 'on the day'. Catering remains in the capable hands of Mervyn Harvey, and following the success of the hot meal at Blackheath, our chief chef Janet Chapman has agreed to become the assistant catering officer with special responsibility for the main meal stop. Her expertise as the national publicity officer will also be a valuable asset to the event.

The appearance of the route description has received acclaim in recent years, not least from middle-aged participants who can leave their magnifying glasses at home! These people and others can be assured that Tony Cartwright will continue to use the latest technology in the pursuit of excellence.

It is the policy of the committee that some members participate in the event; all members have this choice; feedback for the 1990 event was thus provided by Liz Higgins (additionally the Summits' treasurer) and Louise Cartwright. They, like many other walkers were pleased to be greeted by Dave Challenger. Dave continues his commitment to the Summits' organization by dealing with the entries for 1991. Another experienced walker, Richard Hotchkiss, has recently moved into Surrey from neighbouring Wessex; we welcome him to the committee as the member 'without portfolio'.

The whole committee meets about 3 times a year. Additionally route checking is shared, and a marshall's walk completes the final check before the route is printed.

PROGRAMME JUNE 1990 TO DECEMBER 1990

The organiser/leader of each walk/event is given in the heading line. Telephone numbers and addresses are on page 1 of this Newsletter. Please enclose SAE with all written enquiries. OS references in descriptions indicate relevant Landranger maps. Social walks normally include a pub stop with food (check beforehand with the leader if this is going to be a matter of life and death to you!). Walks in the winter may finish in the dark, so take a torch.

- THU JUN 21 MIDSUMMER EVENING WALK BARBARA BLATCHFORD**
6-8 miles from 11 Thornbank Guildford GR 939493. Start 7pm. Refreshments afterwards. Please ring Barbara a few days before if you want to attend.
- SUN JUL 1 TANNERS MARATHON ALAN VIRGO**
Challenge Event not advertised in Strider because of the 500 rule. 10 or 30 miles from Leatherhead Football Club GR 163560. OS 186 & 187.
- SUN JUL 8 LIPHOOK LOCOMOTION TONY CARTWRIGHT**
About 20 miles from Liphook BR station GR 842308. Start 9am. OS 186.
- SUN AUG 5 ASHDOWN FOREST FORAY BARBARA BLATCHFORD**
Easy going 18-20 miles from Station Rd car park Forest Row off B2110 nr Junction with A22 GR 426352. Start 9am. OS 187 & 188 or TG 43/53. Visiting the highest point in the forest, the Enchanted Place and the Ashdown Forest Centre.
- SUN SEP 2 WESSEX WALK**
Joint walk with, and led by the Wessex Group. 22-24 miles from Round Hill car park, Brook GR 265142, OS 195/Outdoor Leisure 22. Start 8.45am. Leader Debbie Cooper (0425 55119).
- THU SEP 20 PLANNING MEETING PETER HUGHES**
At Prince of Wales, Shere, GR 072476 OS 186. 7.30pm for 8. This meeting is to discuss Group business as well as the programme for the next 6 months.

SUN SEP 23 DUNSFOLD KANTER

BRIAN HAIGH

20 & 12 miles from Dunsfold Village Hall GR 597363. Start 9.15 - 11am. Entry £1 (LDWA 20p off, children 50p). Bring compass, pencil and maps (1:25000 TG 03/13 or 1:50000 186 & 187). There will be no score Kanter this year. Entry only on the day.

FRI OCT 12 S. WALES WEEKEND

PETER GROUNDSELL

SUN OCT 14

Weekend probably based at Crickhowell. Walks led by Dan Hadfield. Hotel /guest house accommodation. Please contact Peter Groundsell as soon as possible if you want to go, as accommodation in the area is limited and books up quickly.

SUN OCT 28 HANGMAN'S HALTER

TOM ANDERSON

About 25 miles from car park on Conbe Gibbet GR 369421, OS 174. Start 8am.

SAT NOV 3 PAGHAM PADDLE

ELAINE & PETER EDWARDS

About 22 miles (no hills!) from Chichester BR station GR 859043, OS 197. Start 9am. Bring wellies!

Plenty waders available/selfish R. of Tony waders before

SUN NOV 18 PATH CLEARANCE

TONY YOUNGS

Path clearance working party in the Reigate area. Full details in the October Newsletter.

SAT DEC 15 XMAS WALK & DINNER

LOUISE CARTWRIGHT

Walk starts at 10am from Peaslake GR 886448, OS 186. About 15 miles probably with morning coffee, lunch, and afternoon tea stops. Dinner to follow in the evening at the Hartwood Inn. Dinner must be booked in advance. Full details in the October Newsletter.

SOME 1991 DATES

Jan 1 Surrey Inns Kanter ✓

Jan 13 Winter Tasters ✓

Feb 3 Pouchbowl Marathon ✓ 20

Apr 13/14 Surrey Summits